

YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE
Church... Who Are You? – Part 3
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1 Peter 2:9 (NIV) *“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.”*

WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT WHO WE ARE...

1. JESUS _____ US OUT.

1 Peter 2:9a (NIV) *“But you are a chosen people...”*

Ephesians 1:4-5 (NLT) *“Long ago, even before He made the world, **God loved us and chose us in Christ** to be holy and without fault in His eyes. ⁵ His unchanging **plan** has always been to **adopt us into His own family** by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. And **this gave Him great pleasure.**”*

John 15:16 (NLT) *“You didn’t choose Me. **I chose you.**”*

2. JESUS _____ US IN.

1 Peter 2:9b (NIV) *“But you are... **a royal priesthood...**”*

Hebrews 4:14&16 (NIV) *“Therefore, since we **have a great high priest** who has gone through the heavens, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess... ¹⁶ Let us then **approach the throne of grace with confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”*

**As a priest, you take God to the people and
you take the people to God.**

3. JESUS _____ US APART.

1 Peter 2:9c (NIV) *“But you are... **a holy nation...**”*

Romans 6:22 (NIV) “But now that you have been **set free from sin** and have become slaves to God, the **benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.**”

Hebrews 12:14 (NIV) “**Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.**”

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV) “You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to **put off your old self**, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to **be made new in the attitude of your minds**; ²⁴ and to **put on the new self**, created to **be like God in true righteousness and holiness.**”

1 Peter 1:14-16 (NIV) “As obedient children, **do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.** ¹⁵ **But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do;** ¹⁶ for it is written: ‘**Be holy, because I am holy.**’ ”

_____ literally means... set apart.

4. JESUS _____ US OFF.

1 Peter 2:9d (NIV) “But you are... **a people belonging to God...**”

Deuteronomy 14:2 (GW) “**You are people who are holy to the Lord your God. Out of all the people who live on earth, the Lord has chosen you to be His own special possession.**”

5. JESUS _____ US OUT.

1 Peter 2:9e (NIV) “... that you may **declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.**”

Matthew 5:16 (NCV) “In the same way, you should **be a light** for other people. **Live so that they will see the good things you do and will praise your Father in heaven.**”